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To: mtomasi@colchesterct.org

Subject: In support of mask mandate

Dear BOE members,

I am writing to support a mask mandate for all Colchester public schools. I have contacted Governor Lamont to extend the mask mandate in schools. Without this mandate, our children are vulnerable to illness and our school district is vulnerable to lawsuits. In the U.S. over 400 children died of COVID-19 last year. The Delta variant is more contagious. Without a mandate, we will have more disruptive school closures, at minimum. More importantly, CT could add to the tally of children who will die from COVID-19. Connecticut must protect education and children by mandating masks in our schools.

Sincerely,

Todd Szoka

(parent of incoming 1st grade student)

Sent from my iPhone